

## **Notice of Public Comment Regarding Fishing Industry Impacts of Proposed, Maintenance Dredge, U.S. Coast Guard Station, Jonesport**

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §480-D, sub-§9, the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) is required to provide the Maine Department of Environmental Protection with an assessment of the impacts on the fishing industry of a proposed dredging operation. The U. S. Coast Guard Station (USCG) in Jonesport has submitted a maintenance dredge proposal for the boat basin and the surrounding facility area on Moosabec Reach.

The USCG must maintain access to and from the local waterway channels during all tide cycles to adequately perform their mission duties, which include timely search and rescues in the area. The USCG is proposing to mechanically dredge approximately 5,230 cubic yards of mixed sand and silt from shoaled areas totaling 1.46 acres within the boat basin at the USCG station. The proposed project area will be dredged to the permitted depths of -10 and -12 feet mean lower low water plus one foot of allowable overdepth. The applicant proposes to dispose of this material at the Douglas Island Disposal Sites in Milbridge. Construction would occur this winter, prior to April 8. Maps and a written description of the haul route are included at the end of this notice.

For general information about this project, please contact Denis-Marc Nault at [Denis-Marc.Nault@maine.gov](mailto:Denis-Marc.Nault@maine.gov) or (207) 592-0512.

### **How to Provide Feedback:**

There are two different ways to provide your feedback on the potential impacts of the proposed dredging operation on fishing in the area. Each option is described below.

#### **1) Remote Public Hearing (participation via computer or phone):**

The public hearing will be held at 4:00pm on Monday, February 1, 2021. To register, please complete an online registration form no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021. After the registration deadline, DMR will contact interested persons with information about how to join the remote hearing. If you are unable to register online or need assistance with the form, please contact Amanda Ellis at 207-624-6573.

The registration form can be completed here:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q6g\\_QX0gYkubzeoajy-GTo5baXJyS1BDhjrTBf3wUT1UME1KNkdGVkZyQzVNRklFN0sxWVVGS0JWTC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q6g_QX0gYkubzeoajy-GTo5baXJyS1BDhjrTBf3wUT1UME1KNkdGVkZyQzVNRklFN0sxWVVGS0JWTC4u)

#### **2) Public Comment Period (submission of written feedback to DMR):**

You do not need to participate in the hearing to provide your feedback on the proposal. DMR is also accepting written comments on the project until 5:00pm on Friday, February 5, 2021. Written comments may be sent to Amanda Ellis via mail or email: Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333; Email: [dmr.rulemaking@maine.gov](mailto:dmr.rulemaking@maine.gov).

## US Coast Guard Station Jonesport proposed Dredged Haul-Route

The proposed transportation route for a barge which will carry dredge spoils from the U.S. Coast Guard Boat Basin located in the Moosabec Reach next to the Beals Island Bridge in Jonesport. The route will originate at the U.S. Coast Guard Boat Basin and head up the Moosabec Reach Channel at a heading of approximately 230 degrees (magnetic), through Tibbett Narrows to the Douglas Island Disposal Site.

